THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BIR BAHADUR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. However, (i) Telegrams relating to information of Death, and (ii) ordinary Telegrams relating to private personal matters such as, Sickness, Arrivals and Departure, Interviews and appointments and examination results, are accepted during night hours.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Booking of ordinary Telegrams during night hours causes delay in their disposal due to restricted working hours of Departmental Telegraph Offices and Combined Offices, and limited staff available during night hours in other offices.

Import of viscose staple fibre plant

4631. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether any Indian company is permitted to import viscose staple fibre plant; if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) whether any indigenous industry has the capacity and technology to produce the plant in the private sector; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons for allowing the import of such plant?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO) : (a) No Indian Company has been permitted to import viscose staple fibre plant in the recent past.

(b) In the private sector, M/s. Grasim Industries Ltd. have claimed to have developed capacity to produce such plants.

(c) Question does not arise in view of the position explained above.

Production of soft coke by private Sector

4633. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal with the Coal India Limited to allow the private sector to produce soft coke; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE: IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COAL IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI C.K. JAFFAR SHARIEF) : (a) and (b) Yes Sir. private entrepreneurs are encouraged to manufacture Special Smokeless Fuel (SSF) using technology developed by Central Mine Planning and Design Institute, Ranchi for which they have prepared project Reports envisaging capacities between 50 to 500 tonnes per day.

Assessment of amounts against drug companies

4632. DR. (SHRIMATI) NAJMA HEPTULLA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount assessed against each of the involved drug companies following the judgement of the Supremourt;

(b) the authority which assessed the amount and whether a copy